

Proceedings

BLUE MOUNTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING

March 24, 1971 San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello, Utah 3:00 p.m.

The annual meeting of the water users of the Blue Mountain Distribution System was held on March 24, 1971 at 3:00 p.m. in the San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello, Utah. The following persons representing the indicated entities were in attendance:

Donald C. Norseth - Distribution Engineer, Division of Water Rights,
Salt Lake City
Kenward H. McKinney - Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights, Price
Leon Adams - Pioneer Irrigation Company and Verdure
Edward Saul - Pioneer Irrigation Company
Don Barton - Verdure and Dodge Point
Devere Halls - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Donald Rogers - Commissioner
James M. Scrup - Pete Bailey Ranch (Carlisle)
Lyman D. Nielson - Keller Ranch and Carlisle
Lawrence P. Bailey - Secretary, Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Bruce K. Halliday - Pioneer Irrigation Company and Verdure
F. Bennion Redd - Carlisle
Evan Pehrson - Pioneer Irrigation Company
Max Dalton - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Francis Barton - Verdure
Alfred Frost - Carlisle
Anne B. Porter - Blue Mountain Ranch
K. S. Barton - Verdure
Clyde M. Barton - Verdure
Lloyd Adams - Blanding

The meeting was opened and conducted by Donald C. Norseth at 3:03 p.m. Mr. Norseth began the meeting by giving a summary of the water run-off forecast for the state. He also indicated that 2 large reservoirs had been completed in the state; one on Woodruff Creek and the Lower Gunlock reservoir on the Santa Clara River. Mr. Norseth asked about a committee member or the committee chairman conducting the meeting. Mr. Bennion Redd suggested that Mr. Norseth continue to conduct the meeting. Mr. Norseth next read the minutes of the previous meeting. These were approved as read.

The River Commissioner, Don Rogers was next called upon to summarize his activities of the previous year. Mr. Rogers indicated the following in summarizing his work of the previous year:

Travel	450 miles
Recorded Time	60 hours
Began Work	May 3, 1970

An example of stream-flows on the system were —

May 3	North Creek	2.5 sec.-ft.	8.5 sec.-ft. season max.
May 5	South Creek	3.0 sec.-ft.	5.0 sec.-ft. May 25
May 5	Spring Creek	0.5 sec.-ft.	
May 7	Verdure Creek	4.0 sec.-ft.	1.0 sec.-ft. June 22

There was a question from the floor regarding the assessment procedure for last year. It was explained that the assessment for last year was made by Mr. Rogers working through the committee. Mr. Rogers was asked if the compensation of \$250 plus mileage was sufficient. He indicated that it was satisfactory but that he did not want anything to do with collecting any money. Mr. Norseth then discussed the Water Commissioner's Report. It was indicated that on other systems under the jurisdiction of the State Engineer the costs of the report varied from \$25.00 to \$350.00. The smaller the system the less elaborate the report and consequently the smaller the cost.

The following budget was proposed:

Commissioner's Salary	\$250.00
Mileage 600 miles @ 10¢/mile	60.00
Bonds and Insurance	15.00
Annual Commissioner's Report	25.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>
	\$375.00

It was moved by Leon Adams and seconded by Edward Saul to adopt the budget of \$375.00 as indicated. The motion carried without opposition. The Commissioner's salary of \$250.00 was on a contracted basis.

The question of the assessment was then discussed. It was indicated that the assessment could be made on the basis of water delivered last year, on the basis of acreage irrigated or some other basis agreed upon by the users. It was indicated that, because of the lack of measuring devices at some diversions, the assessment could not be equitably made on the basis of water delivered last year. It was moved by Bruce Halliday and seconded by Francis Barton to assess on a percentage basis. The vote on this motion was unanimous for concurrence. This was then modified by a motion from Alfred Frost and seconded by Bruce Halliday to assess the Spring Creek rights on the basis of water deliveries during the period May 1 to June 15. This motion was passed.

Don Rogers then made a number of suggestions regarding improvement of the system. He indicated that of prime consideration in respect to this would be the installation of headgates and measuring devices.

Jim Scorup then nominated and Don Barton seconded the nomination of Don Rogers to be recommended to the State Engineer as River Commissioner.

The question of measuring devices and headgates was again brought before the group. Mr. Norseth explained that the State Engineer had statutory authority to order such devices installed. He also indicated the penalties prescribed by law for non-compliance with such an order. He indicated that headgates and measuring devices would be ordered in but that when the State Engineer issued such an order, cost sharing by the S.C.S./A.S.C.E. could not be obtained. It was therefore hoped that these items would be installed voluntarily so that cost sharing benefits could be obtained.

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The assessment was to be made as follows:

	<u>% of Assessment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Verdure Creek Users	10%	\$ 37.50
Pioneer Ditch	10%	37.50
Blue Mountain Irrigation Company	20%	75.00
Spring Creek Users	60%	<u>225.00</u>
		<u>\$375.00</u>

